mechanism permitting the hood to be pivoted rearwardly about the first support to a fully raised position wherein a front end of the hood is positioned substantially vertically above the rear end of the hood when the first arm is pivotally coupled to the first support and the second arm is uncoupled from the second support; and

a spring link assembly coupled between the bracket and a central portion of the second arm, the spring link assembly being biased to move the second arm in a direction which raises the front end of the hood.--

4. A support mechanism for supporting a hood with respect to a vehicle, the support mechanism comprising:

a first support mounted on the vehicle rearwardly of an engine of the vehicle;

a second support mounted on the vehicle forward of the first support;

a first arm coupled to the rear end of the hood, the first arm being releasably and pivotally coupled to the first support;

a bracket fixed to the central portion of the hood, and

a second arm having a first end pivotally coupled to the bracket and having a second end releasably and pivotally coupled to the second support, the support mechanism permitting the hood to be pivoted rearwardly about the first support to a fully raised position wherein a front end of the hood is positioned substantially vertically above the rear end of the hood when the first arm is pivotally coupled to the first support and the second arm is uncoupled from the second support; and

a spring link assembly coupled between the bracket and the second arm, the spring link assembly comprising a first link having a first end pivotally coupled to the bracket and having a second end, a second link having a first end pivotally coupled to the second arm and having a second end pivotally coupled to the second end of the first link, and a resilient member coupled between the first and second link and biased to move the second arm in a direction which raises the front end of the hood.--

In claim 4, line 1, delete "1", and insert --6--.
In claim 5, line 1, delete "1", and insert --6--.